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Work on Peters Rec Complex continues

Renovations to include multi-court gym, Jardine entrance, climbing wall

Matthew Finley

Plywood and chain-link fences have become just as normal as barbells and treadmills to K-State students going to Peters Recreation Complex to work out. The project to renovate and expand the complex has cordoned off large parts of the building while construction continues.

For runners and walkers, the upper level track has gone from being a slender oval to a stubbed U-shape, lifters now have weights, machines and aerobics in the multi-purpose gymnasium, and snow sits in the roofless room where fitness classes used to be held. Widespread renovations have necessitated these moves, and will continue to change the setup of the complex.

Current and future work will include adding a new multiactivity court gym, consisting of three courts separated by removable partitions, according to the website of HTK Architects, the designers of the renovation. Other projects include installing a new multi-purpose rooms for aerobics and yoga classes, putting in a new south entrance opening to the Jardine Apartments complex, adding new weight and cardio equipment spaces, and building a climbing wall.

Renovations are also planned to expand the second floor indoor track, reconfigure the lower level locker rooms, expand spaces for group and administrative operations, and update utilities. In all, the official plan for the recreation complex calls for an addition of 85,000 square feet to an existing floor space of 170,000 square feet, while renovating 140,000

square feet of the current area.

Renovations are being done in phases, allowing the complex to still be in operation. Travis Redeker, assistant director of recreation services, said that current construction on the central link, the area between the basketball courts and the weight and exercise area, is "expected to be done this spring, and all in all things seem to be

doing pretty well."

Redeker cited the snow and other environmental factors that have delayed construction, and pushed back the dates of

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A PACKED HOUSE



Community comes together to support former K-State receiver in Super Bowl

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While many Manhattan residents were stationed at their favorite bar in Aggieville last night, just over 20 miles away in Leonardville, the place to be was the Nelson's Landing restaurant. The townspeople crowded in the restaurant to cheer on their hometown hero, Jordy Nelson, and watch him play in his first Super Bowl.

"It's just an honor to have someone from our small community be in the NFL," Chandra Ruthstrom, a Nelson's Landing waitress and Leonardville resident, said. "He's done such a great job."

Nelson's parents own the restaurant but were away in Dallas at the big game.

Dallas at the big game.
The community's support

was evident in the crowd at Nelson's. The walls were covered in Nelson's K-State jerseys and photos, and next to that was a budding collection of Nelson's Packer's photos and memorabilia. There were people of all ages, and friends and families at the restaurant to support Nelson in the big

"Usually on Sundays we have our regulars but it hasn't been like this," Tanna Richter, waitress at Nelson's Landing and Clay Center resident, said. "I think it's great because Nelson's (Landing) has got so many more people since Jordy became more popular. In Leonardville and Clay Center and all the surrounding towns, everybody knows everybody; there's a lot of fans

around here."

The noise level in the res-

taurant often reflected Nelson's actions in the game. When he was off the field, it was quiet and people paid attention to any one of the six TVs over their food. But when Nelson was on the field, cell phones went unanswered and food was untouched while the customers whooped, yelled and threw their hands in the air. Then, when Nelson made his first touchdown in the first quarter of the game, the crowd roared. Waitresses jumped up and down. Kids cheered and high-fived with their parents. And the old men at the bar

clapped proudly.

"(The support)'s fantastic,"
Ruthstrom said. "(The restaurant) gets a lot of support with
the community and I think it's

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Brent Simkins (left), Havensville resident, and Gary Simnitt (right), neighbor of the Nelson family, celebrate former K-Stater Jordy Nelson's touchdown for the Green Bay Packers in the Super Bowl on Sunday evening in Nelson's Landing in Leonardville, Kan.

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Higher prices expected at pump

K-State professor estimates average cost per gallon could rise to

Michael Sellman staff writer

With a crisis occurring in Egypt, gas prices are still a nagging fact of life. Lance Bachmeier, associate professor of economics, predicts that gas prices will reach an average ranging from \$3.00 to \$3.50 this year.

To make such a prediction, Bachmeier said he had to decide on how big of a range to look at and then consider world events taking place.

"Gas prices are very volatile," Bachmeier said. "There's an expanding world economy. There doesn't seem to be any reason that either supply is

Randy McCracken, Manhattan resident, fills up his gas tank Sunday afternoon at the Kwik Shop on Anderson

on Anderson Avenue.

> Jennifer Heeke Collegian

going to increase or demand is going to fall."

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the average U.S. gas price as of Jan. 31 was 3.101 per gallon. The EIA's Weekly U.S. Retail Gasoline Price Chart shows an average price



of 3.10 per gallon. That is lower than the \$3.90 to \$4.00 average in July 2008.

"Gas prices didn't go below \$2.50 until November 2008, well into the crisis, and were already back above \$2.50 by June

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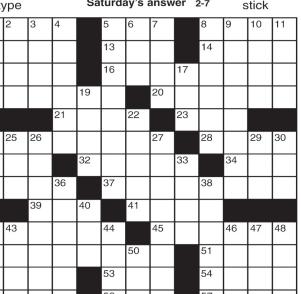
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Body of missing man discovered Saturday

Sam Diederich news editor

The body of Gregory St. Amand, age 20, was discovered on Saturday morning, according to a press release from the Riley County Police Department.

St. Amand's body was found after police received a tip that his dark green Toyota Corolla was parked and unoccupied at the end of Shadowridge Drive.

Police were unable to com-

ment on the cause of death. Last Wednesday, the Riley County Police Department reported that St. Amand had himself." gone missing. He had not been seen since Jan. 28, and

was believed to be somewhere

in the area between Manhat-

tan and Lawrence. He was believed to be in possession of a rifle and to be "a danger to

As of Sunday, police had not started an investigation or autopsy, but both procedures are expected to begin soon.

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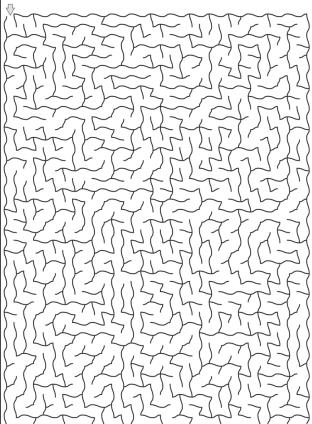
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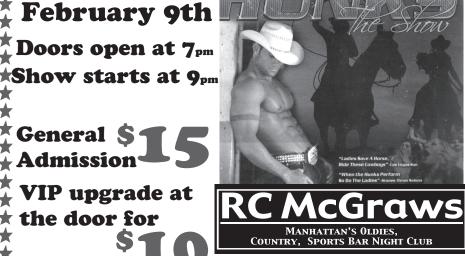
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Pullen's layup speaks volumes



Senior guard Jacob Pullen silenced the critics as easily he silenced the nearly 10,000 strong at Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa, on Saturday. With just a simple flick of his wrist with 2.6 seconds left on the clock, Pullen started to wash the ill will from K-State fans.

The two points pushed Pullen ahead of University of Kansas' Sherron Collins on the Big 12's all-time scoring list. It seems fitting that Pullen's clutch layup pushed him ahead of a player whose career was defined by big plays. Pullen has defined his K-tate career in the care regard. State career in the same regard.

People may remember him for his 20 points against Kansas as a freshman, his 34 against Bringham Young as a junior, or his 30-point outburst against Illinois State as a sophomore. The indelible memory of Pullen picking up the loose ball against Iowa State will probably define his senior year.

K-State was looking for an answer. Any answer would do for the Wildcats, who were on their way to losing another road game in seemingly heart-wrenching

Pullen drilled a 3-pointer to put K-State within one and then finished off the Cyclones with the previously discussed layup. The win had to feel good for Pullen. K-State fans have been critical of Pullen during his senior season. The bearded had slowly become

the burdened one.

Keep in mind, this is the same player who was embraced by a hoard of K-State students after the Wildcats victory over number one

Hampered with expectations of a conference championship and Final Four run, Pullen struggled to find his rhythm at point guard. He was held to just four points in a loss to then top-ranked Duke. The senior was 1-for-12 from the field. He also sprinkled in four turnovers.

Then came the impermissible benefits. This black eye was so eloquently followed by Pullen stating that he would not play in the NIT after a home loss to Colorado. Pullen was an easy target. He was the face of the biggest bust in men's college basketball history.

It is never easy to be a leader in sports. Not only do you have to meet the expectations of the coaching staff, but you also have to be respected by your teammates. If that is not enough, then you have to perform on the court

In the beginning of the season, Pullen's play was stale. He forced threes and appeared bored. A leader's greatest asset though, is his ability to adapt.

Since his suspension, Pullen has scored at least 20 points seven times. He has not settled for longrange bombs. Instead, Pullen has picked his way through Big 12 defenses for mid-range jumpers and layups.

While Pullen has failed to live up to his preseason expectations, the senior guard can still right the ship on what appeared to be a sinking season. For K-State to right the ship, it is going to take a continued focus from its senior

guard. As Pullen said after the win, the layup may not have saved K-State's season, but it may as well have saved his legacy.

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For info that doesn't make the sports page.

STORM SHELTER

Wildcats squeak out road win over Iowa Cyclones

Ashley Dunkak senior staff writer

On Saturday, K-State fought its way to an 86-85 victory over Iowa State for its first Big 12 road win this season. Though senior guard Jacob Pullen scored only 4 points in the first half, his 17 second-half points included the game-winning layup and earned him the game MVP award.

In the first half, the Wildcats and Cyclones stayed neck and neck in many categories — rebounds, assists, turnovers and points. The game-changing factor that put K-State ahead 44-40 at the break? Points off the bench.

Iowa State's substitutes, forward lowa State's substitutes, forward Jordan Railey and guard Darion Anderson, combined for four points in the opening 20 minutes. The Wildcats had five players come off the bench, and three in particular came up big at the basket. Freshman guard Will Spradling, who orchestrated the offense when Pullen got the occasional breather. Pullen got the occasional breather, put up 11 points, and sophomore guards Martavious Irving and Nick Russell each added seven. While the Wildcats' bench

stepped up to the tune of 25 points, the K-State starters were somewhat quiet. Sophomore guard Rodney McGruder, who has been one of the most consistent players on the team this season, went three of seven from the floor, while Pullen made only one field goal in four attempts. Senior forward Curtis Kelly picked up two quick fouls, and would go on to only play 12 minutes in the game, as he had four fouls often a minute and a half four fouls after a minute and a half of play in the second half.

K-Śtate's offense didn't look very fluid early, but Spradling, Irving and Russell really buoyed the shooting percentage for the Wildcats, giving them their four-point at halftime.

As soon as the second half began, Pullen made it apparent he would not be silenced for an entire game. The Cyclones scored first, but then Kelly got a basket
— before being benched after
committing his fourth foul — and



Freshman guard **Will Spradling** dribbles the basketball up the court against KU's freshman guard Josh Selby on Jan. 29 in Allen Fieldhouse. Spradling scored 14 points in Saturday's victory over Iowa State in Ames.

Pullen scored twice more to make it a 6-0 run for the away team.

In what certainly could be categorized as a run-and-gun game, Iowa State had its fair share of offense as well. Senior guard Diante Garrett was as good as advertised or better, finishing with 23 points, 8 assists and a perfect 6-6 effort from the charity stripe. Junior guard Scott Christopherson had only one point less, and with 22 points he scored eight more than his season average.

Senior forward Jamie Vanderbeken, though, was the one who almost sank the Wildcats. At 6-feet-11-inches and 250 pounds, he drained three of four threepoint attempts in the game and, pivotal basket after pivotal basket, ended up with 18 points.

With just over nine minutes left in the game, sophomore forward Jordan Henriquez-Roberts put the Wildcats up by six points with a powerful dunk, but six minutes later, it was the Cyclones with a six-

With 1:24 to play, the Wildcats still trailed by four points. Then Pullen hit a three-pointer. Garrett missed a jumper, and Pullen drove for a layup that would put the Wildcats ahead 86-85. With 2.6 seconds remaining on the clock after that basket, Iowa State's potential game-winning shot missed the mark. The Cyclones couldn't break their five-game losing streak, and the Wildcats improved to 4-5 in Big 12 play.

point advantage.

Chambers leads K-State to overtime win with 27 points

Paul Harris

senior staff writer

The K-State women's basketball team needed overtime to keep its win streak alive, but edged out a 60-55 win over Missouri in Columbia on Saturday. Sophomore guard Brittany Chambers scored a career-high 27 points in the win, including four consecutive three pointers to erase a 12-point deficit in the second half.

"We knew it (a spark) was gonna come," Chambers said. "Tonight, I guess the three was open."

At one point, however, the sophomore's effort appeared to be for naught, as Missouri jumped out to a 52-50 lead in overtime.

Chambers and junior forward Jalana Childs, who finished with 19 points, back-to-back baskets and sparked an eight-point outburst that put the Wildcats up by six.

But Missouri senior guard RaeShara Brown, knocked in three of her 21 points, to put the Tigers within shouting distance. Brown could have had more, but a move by the K-State coaching staff slowed "(Brown) is an undown the guard.

Head coach Deb Patterson focused the attention of two players on Brown, who lit K-State up for 33 points earlier this season in Manhattan.

"She (Brown) is an unbelievable shooter, driver, everything," Chambers said. "So it's kind of like you have to put two there."

In the final seconds of the game, senior guard Kelsey Hill calmly stepped to the free-throw line and connected on two attempts to put the game out of

Free throws were key in this drag-out division dogfight. Missouri shot 13 more free throws than K-State, but only made one more. The Tigers shot an abysmal 44 percent from the charity stripe, while the

Wildcats connected on

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nine of their 14 attempts. believable shooter, to a quick 11-4 lead in driver, everything" the first half, but Mis-

> Brittany Chambers tied the game at 23 on a sophomore guard

layup by senior forward Shakara Jones. Jones finished with 14 points. While Chambers career day will highlight the box score, it was Mariah White's reverse layup with 1:35 left to go the second half that pulled the Wildcats

and Tigers even at 50 points apiece. Defensively, the Tigers and Wildcats held strong until the buzzer sounded. White was K-State's third leading

scorer. The sophomore and native of Midwest City, Okla., finished with six points. Junior forward Branshea Brown was blanked in the scoring column and fouled out, but the junior still figured into the final decision, as she yanked down a team-leading nine rebounds.

The win was K-State's fifth straight victory in Big 12 Conference play, which gives the Wildcats their longest conference win streak since the 07-08 season. K-State has not lost since it dropped a double-overtime heartbreaker at Texas Tech on Jan. 15, and the Wildcats currently sit in fourth place in the Big 12 standings.

Next up for the Wildcats is a date at home with the University of Texas Longhorns. K-State has not lost at home all year, as it boasts a perfect 11-0 record at Bramlage Coliseum. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m. on Wednesday and the game will be televised on Fox Sports Kansas City.

K-State Athletic Schedule: Feb 9 - 13

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| Women's Basketball vs. Texas 7:00 p.m. at Bramlage Coliseum. (Live on FSN) | | Track and Field at Tyson Invitational All day in Fayetteville, Arkansas. at Iowa State Classic All day in Ames, Iowa | Tennis vs. Louisiana-Lafayette Noon in Denton, TX Men's Basketball at Colorado 8:00 p.m. in Boulder, CO | Tennis at North Texas 10:00 a.m. in Denton, TX Women's Basketball at lowa State 4:00 p.m. in Ames, lowa |
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RISING STARS

Local bands boost college parties, create lasting memories



One of the most amazing things about K-State and hundreds of universities across the country is the creation of sameness and unity in a community marked by difference and diversity. Our 23,000 students come from everywhere, represent every political ideology and disagree about almost everything. We're brought together in common class purposes, to root fiercely for purpleclad teams enjoying mild success and, perhaps most importantly, under an umbrella college culture that makes many remember this as the best time of their lives.

Yes, we are finding out who we are spiritually, culturally and academically, but we are also having as much fun as possible in what is, for many of us, the first true independence of our lives. It is on these carnal and uninhibited Friday and Saturday nights that many of us discover the true heights of pleasure, hedonistic or otherwise. And even if we forget exactly what we did or who we were with decades later, we will likely never forget how the cavorting and carousing made us feel.

At this point, readers have likely been divided in two. There are those who know exactly what I am talking about, and those tinted green with jealousy. Because we've all seen the awkward underbelly of the weekend scene; we've all been to, or hosted, a bad party. While the problems are diverse, from low attendance to uninvited creepers, from not enough to drink to those who don't know how much is too much, the solution may be simple: don't try to be something you aren't and don't try to achieve

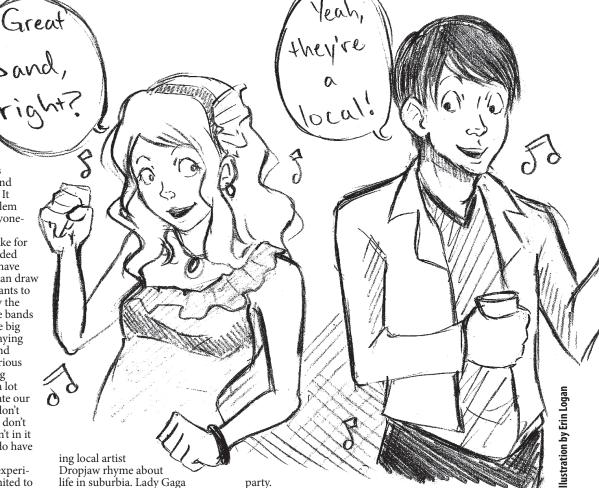
some unrealistic ideal. Invite your friends and your friends friends and try to cater to the desires of the demographic.

One simple and highly effective solution to the social minefield is often overlooked: hire a local band. There are very few people who don't enjoy live music and a band gives a party direction, activity and a ready conversation piece. It solves the what-to-do problem and the I-don't-know-everyonehere problem.

Local bands and DJs make for easy advertising and expanded attendance. They typically have their own equipment and can draw a small fan base that just wants to have a good time and enjoy the music. While some of these bands are hoping to make it to the big time, mostly they're just playing music they think is good and worth playing. They put serious time and effort into creating music that's influenced by a lot of the same things that create our local culture. Local bands don't have image managers, they don't use auto-tune and they aren't in it for the money. What they do have is talent.

Now I'll admit that my experience with local bands is limited to those I've personally encountered, but there's no reason my friendsof-friends are more talented than yours. I know that what I've seen is only the tip of the iceberg, which is why I encourage you to consider seeking out and hiring a local band for your next party.

There's nothing wrong with listening to Jay-Z rap about how awesome New York is, but there's something even better about hear-



Dropjaw rhyme about life in suburbia. Lady Gaga boasts a beat you can dance to, but the Ruckus and The Low End drop a beat you can't help but dance to. I've never had a better time at O'Malley's than last August's endof-the-summer performance by the local reggae stars in Muzizi.

While word of mouth is sometimes the best way to find and hire local bands, the Internet and local media provide numerous avenues for finding the perfect band for your Ît's as easy as going to watch their next show. The thought that this might be

the best time in our lives is both depressing and exhilarating. While I'm a serious advocate of working hard in school and making the most of college academically, I hope you aren't neglecting your weekends. Not every aspect of college culture is infallible or advisable, but I challenge you to seek out your

highest happiness. Enriching your next party with a local band or DJ that reflects your social location supports our community and may create the best memories of your college experience.

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Wrestling team would benefit K-State, keep homegrown talent from studying out of state



When you hear the name Bobby Lashley, what do you think of? For some of us, that takes us into Vince McMahon's empire of the World Wrestling Entertainment. Lashley wrestled for WWE from 2004 to 2008 and was a two time world heavy weight champion for Mc-Mahon's circus. After his departure from WWE, he joined Strikeforce and ignited a Mixed Martial Arts career, where he fights to this day.

Lashley is a natural-born freak of an athlete, a true competitor, and before all the fame, he was an incredible amateur wrestler at Missouri Valley College, where he was a three-time national champion wrestler and a four-time All-American. Why is this important? Because he is from Junction City, just 15 minutes down the road, and he had to leave the state to wrestle in college because K-State does not have a wrestling team. What an alumni Lashley would have been.

Lashley is not a Wildcat, however. He is a Missouri Valley Viking. He, along with droves of Division I wrestlers, leave

the state of Kansas every year to wrestle in Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska and other states. K-State is allowing glory, exposure and national prominence to leave. How about we adopt a program that will allow Kansan athletes to participate in the fiercest form of competition at a D-I level? K-State needs to start a wrestling team now.

I used to not care about wrestling. I thought it was pretty lame, to be honest with you. Then my sister married this Terminator no, not Arnold, but another guy by the name of Wayne James.

James' seasoned career in wrestling is long and industrious and filled with great accomplishments from the wrestling side to the coaching aspect of the sport. His accolades are too long to list in this space, but he has won multiple state and national titles and coached both men and women

champions at Lindenwood University and Oklahoma City University. When he

> you can see the spark of passion in his eyes. Í recently asked him how K-State would benefit from a wrestling program and if

thought Kansas was a wrestling state. He said students would ben efit from a wrestling program at K-State almost as much as the university would benefit from having then program and that Kansas is, indeed, a big-time wrestling state. First off, K-State is in the

premier wrestling conference in the country. Only five teams in the conference have a wrestling team, but all five teams are perennially in the top 20: Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Missouri, Nebraska, and Iowa State. Those five schools alone spit out more All-Americans than any other conference in the

With an adoption of an allinclusive, men's and women's wrestling program here, K-State would immediately benefit from mass exposure by participating in a conference with such national prominence. The first years would be tough, but Missouri started a new program only a few years ago and is already fighting for national title contention. Great competiketball facility. We already have a facility in Ahearn Field House which would facilitate the locker room and training space needed. A wrestling program is only allotted 9.9 scholarships, but has an average of 32 wrestlers on the team. All those extra men and women would

be just making the school money. Every year, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State are gutting the wrestling talent out of Kansas. James said that with all the individual talent coming from Kansas, it would only take one or two good wrestlers at a K-State program to open up the floodgates and bring in multitudes of good wrestlers to this school. Everyone wants to be a part of an up-and-coming

program. For the student athlete involved, James said there is no better program to teach someone self-discipline, determination and set them up for the rest of their lives. So, come on, K-State, let's get a wrestling team here in the Little Apple. Who knows? It might just be our ticket to winning that

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Too much personal information is harmful

Last Wednesday, I checked my e-mail and read a K-State Alert which many of you likely received as well. As I read the alert, which contained information regarding a missing Manhattan man, I couldn't help but be shocked and in fact mildly appalled. The e-mail explained the missing man was thought to be suicidal and said he may be under the influence of heroin. The same information was reported in several news sources, including this paper, and came from a report by

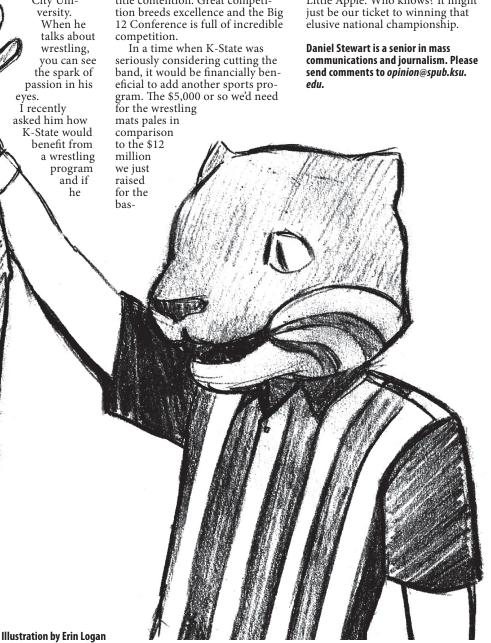
Likely for the same concerns I have, this information was omitted in reports by at least one new source. Reporting to the general public that this man was possibly suicidal and under the influence of narcotics was entirely unnecessary in his being located. The RCPD and KSU could simply have reported this man had not been seen in several days and there was concern for his safety. Instead, both institutions chose to release information, the authenticity of which cannot be certain, in what amounts essentially to defamation of

"Reporting to the general public that this man was possibly suicidal and under the influence of narcotics was entirely unnecessary in his being located."

More importantly, however, my horror over the issue stems from a very real concern that the RCPD and KSU's actions may have made an already troubled young man's life even more difficult. Let us assume for a moment that this man is indeed deep in the depths of depression, so much so as to be considering taking his own life. If this is the case, then certainly finding out the general public now believes him to be suicidal and on illegal drugs could push an already disillusioned

man even closer to the edge. While I realize both the RCPD and KSU both chose to make this release out of genuine concern for this man's safety and with the best of intentions, I must condemn anyone would choose to give a possibly suicidal man a valid reason to be more depressed. And while I pray that he is found, or chooses to return home, there is the unfortunate grim possibility that this young man was alive when these releases were made and he could still choose to commit suicide at some point after them. If this tragic event were to happen, then the RCPD and the university would unfortunately never know if their actions in the course of attempting to locate him were a contributing factor in his death.

Senior in English and journalism and mass communications





Love conquers long distance

Kelsey Castanon edge editor

It's said that your first true love never fades away, and that the feelings are never as strong again. For high school sweethearts Kylee Wilks, sophomore in elementary education, and Keevin Stutheit, sophomore in mechanical engineering, that's a risk they won't need to take. It's a classic tale of young love, one that has taken work, communication and a leap of faith.

What it wasn't, however, was a classic tale of love at first sight. Keevin and Kylee first met in high school, where they had an English and painting class together their senior year. At first, Keevin endured quite the "chase."

"As it turns out, she actually didn't like the fact that I would always 'intrude' on her conversations with her friend at the painting table," Keevin said. "But how was I supposed to know that?"

After refusing to "leave her alone," Keevin asked Kylee to the homecoming dance — only to hear afterward she did not enjoy his company.

In the time the two stopped talking, Kylee had a change of

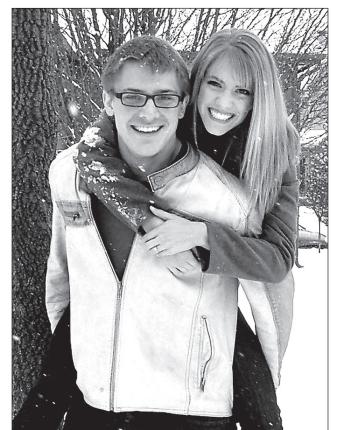
"To this day, I still don't have any idea really what made me change my mind," Kylee said. "At the end of first semester, we stopped having painting together and only had English, where we couldn't talk as much. I think after not having him around being 'annoying,' I actually missed having him around and getting to know him."

As a gesture to show her affection, Kylee invited Keevin over for Oreo shakes and a flick -"Star Wars," which Keevin said is his favorite. And the pair has been together ever since.

While love had made its mark, their bond was tested by distance when Kylee came to K-State and Keevin attended Johnson County Community College.

"That year proved to be very difficult and rewarding, even though in retrospect, we were only two hours away," Keevin said. "I made that drive so many times and I can't even recall a

Another challenge with being so far away from each Kylee said, was that she was making new friendships while Keevin was still invested in friendships from high school, "so for a while, we had two totally separate friend groups."



Courtesy photo

Although commuting back and forth at every opportunity hardly seems like a way to strengthen a relationship, the distance did just that.

"Through this, we learned how to communicate much better with each other, even though at times it was not too fun," Keevin said.

As distance has proven itself to be an obstacle difficult to overcome, the matter of age has never been of importance. The relationship they have built together has only become stronger through God, Kylee said, and growing together will be a learning process.

I think it is silly for someone to postpone anything if it is an undeniable event," she said. "We share a faith in God that is way bigger than any hardship that may come our way. With God, anything is possible, and I think that we are learning that

Though they had discussed marriage before — both with each other and their parents the engagement on Jan. 12, Kylee said, came as a surprise. While she thought Keevin would be at work in Manhattan for the rest of winter break, he was really in

Shawnee getting ready to pop the magic question. That question, asked traditionally on one knee on the front door step of Kylee's house, would change the course of their lives together.

"At about 3 that afternoon, the doorbell rang," Kylee recalled. "When I went and answered the door, to my surprise it was Keevin and he was down on one knee!"

While she said she can't remember what was going through her head at that point, the day of Keevin's proposal was unexpected. "I remember saying 'yes!' and that's about it," Kylee said.

Now, both Kylee and Keevin get to embark on their journey of

happily ever after."
"We know it won't always be easy, but we both have amazing parents who have modeled what a Christ-centered relationship and family looks like. That is what we want," she said. "We know we serve a faithful God, so as we continue to learn what it looks like to surrender our hearts, minds, dreams, relationship and future to Him, He will continue to be faithful in strengthening our relationship with both Him and each other."

Kylee and Keevin plan to tie the knot in January 2012.

Honeymoon getaway locations

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All too often, newlyweds don't get to spend much of their post-wedding time on a hon-eymoon. Those first few days of marital bliss with your spouse are probably very vital and the best way to make sure every-thing sails smoothly is to pick the honeymoon spot of your dreams and bring it to life with your ideas and imagination.

In today's busy lifestyle, with people working, chasing dead-lines and going to school, studying for math quizzes and spending long nights on assignments due the next day, a getaway for a few days would be the ideal way to de-stress, regroup and rekindle the fizzing sparks or their wedlock bliss. And the perfect escape would be such a place where both the partners are in their own element and share a common affection toward the surroundings they are in. Here are some suggestions to look

The sunlight and sandy beaches are popular desires when thinking of ideal location features. If you are one of those individuals, then your ideal getaway would be to some beautiful tropical beach paradise. Depending on the kinds of activities you want to do there and how you want to spend your getaway, you could pick from a variety of places. For instance, if you want to party hard and never feel the ground beneath you for three days or so, you would want to go to Miami. If you want a more exotic place with lesser crowd, and more privacy, you could visit the Bahamas or the Cayman Islands.

If you want both of the above mentioned factors combined into a single package, and if your budget is a bit accommodating, you could fly to Hawaii in the Pacific Ocean. You could wear a straw hat, dance to some native music, have exotic food and drinks and soak in the sun and sea all you want. There is also plenty in store in most of the above mentioned places for the adventurer. You could dive in the ocean, snorkel along the shallow corals, drink in the sights from up above on a parasail or in a blur while riding a jet ski.

If you love the hustle and

bustle of a metropolis and are craving some hardcore night life, you could hit the big cities New York on the east coast, Chicago and Dallas in the Midwest, and Los Angeles or San Francisco in the west, if you need some sunlight. What could be more romantic for a honeymoon couple than a pleasant walk through Central Park in Manhattan, or breakfast at a corner cafe? And as always, there is the mother of all party towns, Las Vegas.

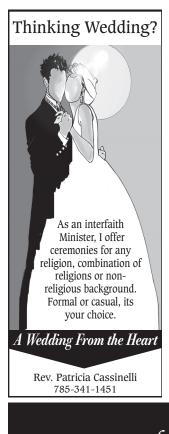
If you like the snow-capped peaks and crisp, fresh mountain air, and the untamed and wild river gorges, dense forests, and the thrill and excitement these things have to offer you, you might want to plan your getaway to Colorado. And if you would like the snow and the ice to be even more virgin, the adventure and fauna even more wild, and if you have a liking for colder temperatures, look up Alaska. The wilderness and the cold are bound to get you honeymoon couples closer.

If you are well off and thinking global, the options are endless. You could steal your wife away to the beautiful Paris, or to the picturesque Swiss Alps or to the romantic Venice or to regal United Kingdom, or the wild and untouched eastern European countries like Hungary or Romania, or to the sunny waters and historic monuments of Greece.

The Asian continent also offers a lot of beautiful and exotic locations that are less heard of and also less expensive to visit. Honeymoon couples could do a variety of fun activities in the south East Asian countries. Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia offer great beaches and wonderful weather to bask in the sun sipping a cold beverage. Don't forget to take your sun screen along though. Also less known but equally beautiful places are the Maldive Islands and Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. Also beautiful tropical beaches and rain forests in Goa or Kumarakom in India are also blissful locations for honeymoon couples to snuggle and have a memorable time.

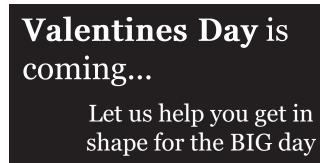
There is a vast variety of things one could do with his or her partner and make it memorable. The world has something to offer for everybody, the adventurous, the explorer or the nature lover. So get your creative caps on and go have a whale of













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Gift giving becomes easy with planning

Disclaimer: I love giving gifts. Wracking my brains for something absolutely perfect, figuring out how to actualize that perfection at a reasonable price, wrapping and presenting the finished product — I love it. I also am currently one month late on mailing a birthday present to one of my good friends.

What is it about gifts these days? Invitations for weddings, anniversaries, baby showers, birthdays, funerals and graduation flood mailboxes and inboxes — it seems each invitation contains a quiet note pertaining to gift registries, where flowers or cash gifts should be sent to clarification that no gifts are necessary. Why must we constantly clarify when gifts are appropriate and what kind of gifts are desired?

Don't get me wrong, gift registries are fantastic. They ensure a gift will be useful and appreciated, and that the happy couple doesn't receive seventeen toaster ovens on their wedding day. Sometimes, however, for whatever reason, a gift just doesn't seem like the thing to do.

How can we determine when a gift is or is not necessary and appropriate? How can we find something that will still be appreciated if nothing on the registry is an appealing or affordable option? Over the years I've developed a few key personal guidelines when it comes to giving gifts, and now, they are my gift to you.

1. Decide whether to give

Gifts should be given when either the idea of not giving a gift is uncomfortable or when the occasion is something that makes you excited to give something. If you're not excited about giving something and, after a moment's reflection, the thought of walking in emptyhanded is not disconcerting, then don't worry about it.

The effort of gift-giving is not necessary. (This does not apply to certain occasions, such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, anniversaries, and any other day when it is guaranteed the potential recipient would notice and be saddened by the lack of even a token gift.)

2. Establish a budget.

In any gift-giving occasions, you have two potential currencies to work with: time and money. In many circumstances,

spending a little more on one results in a significant savings in the other. So, hand making a scrapbook, calendar, or recipe book for a birthday, anniversary, baby shower, or wedding might involve a significant investment of time, however the only money needed is paper and printer ink or some markers and stickers. Never succumb to the pressure to purchase the most expensive gift possible or to the idea that because it wasn't expensive it isn't valuable.

3. Brainstorm options.

If a gift registry exists (this includes a "wish list" on the refrigerator), check it carefully and decide if any of the items listed are things you are interested in buying. If not, ask yourself whether it is more important to buy something you are excited about them having or something you know they want. It does not matter which is more important, it simply matters that you evaluate the two possibilities and choose one. If no registry exists or if the options there don't seem to cut it, think of things you know the person likes and uses and come up with ways to make your gift incorporate their tastes and desires.

4. Do the research (and, if timeliness is important, do it early).

Don't decide to purchase a copy of that children's book you used to read every night before bed to give to your sister at her first baby shower if you can't remember the name of the book and barely even remember what it was about. Google is a powerful search engine, but your gift must be something you are sure exists and is purchasable or createable in order for it to ever make its way into the recipient's

5. Wrap and deliver.

If you're like me, and struggle to deliver things on time, acknowledge the lateness in a card or note, and make sure to at least call the person or send a card in time for the actual day. Often people do not care about the actual timing of the gift, they simply do not want to feel like they were forgotten and the gift was an afterthought.

Gift giving does not have to be a stressful or annoying experience; with a little bit of practice and planning, it's possible to find the right gift for any occasion and be sure the recipient will enjoy it.

Most women prefer to take husband's last name

Sandi Lam

Getting married comes with a multitude of big decisions, one of which is whether a woman will take her husband's last name. People have gone about this in a few popular ways — taking the name, keeping the maiden name or hyphenating the two names.

Most people still prefer the traditional name change for brides, according to an Aug. 11, 2009, USA Today article by Jillian Berman. According to the article, a 2009 study by the American Sociological Association revealed that 70 percent of Americans agree that women should take her husband's name in marriage. With the younger generations seeming to assert more liberal tendencies in many areas, it is a surprisingly conservative statistic.

Rachel Butler, senior in communication science and disorders, is currently engaged to be married and shared her reasons behind her decision to take her fiance's surname.

"I'm pretty traditional in many ways, because that was how I was raised," Butler said. "I've always known or assumed that when I get married I would take my husband's name and have not questioned not taking his name.

Butler said most of her friends also seem willing to carry on the tradition in marriage. For Butler and her

fiance, the tradition had special meaning.

"Another reason for taking my future husband's name is that he is the last male in his family to carry on his name," she said.

Nicole Hall, junior in elementary education, has also faced the decision with her fiance. She said there might be a reason more and more women are keeping their maiden names. "It may be partially due to

the increased independence of women, but may also just be for the convenience for others," she said.

Hall said since some women might be recognized

by their surname, they feel more inclined to keep it.

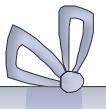
"I will be taking my hus-

band's name simply because I think it is a nice tradition," she

Hall said some women might keep their maiden names because it correlates with the name on their website or e-mail address, but that will not be a problem for her.

"I am lucky enough to know my new name already and I have begun using it for business purposes, such as on my professional website," she

Though hyphenated names appear more often than they once did in the United States, the tradition still seems firmly intact. The tendency of those who wish to keep their own name does not seem to outweigh the desire of those who take their husband's name.



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Check out www.kstatecollegian.com to read about the retirement of Bill Muir, assistant vice president for student life, written by editor-in-chief Tim Schrag.

Be sure to read Elena Buckner's tips on how to throw a great birthday bash, regardless of the budget.



Haverkamp

Ashley Hafer, sophomore in accounting at Barton County Community College, and Anthony Haverkamp, junior in construction science & management at Kansas State, announce the birth of their baby Addysen Renee Haverkamp, born December 6, 2010, weighing 7 lbs., 8 oz., and 21 inches long. The grandparents are Todd and Kristina Hafer, Manhattan, and Doug and Laura Haverkamp, Saint George, Kan.





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Krinhop – Riggs

Bristen Krinhop, a graduate of Kansas State University, is employed as a chemical engineer at Honeywell FM&T in Kansas City, Mo. Jesse Riggs, a graduate of Kansas State University, is pursuing his master's degree in Higher Education Administration at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Bristen is the daughter

of Brian Krinhop, of Lindsborg, and the late Brenda Krinhop. Jesse is the son of Dennis and Brenda Riggs of Peabody. The couple was married July 24, 2010 at College Ave. United Methodist Church in Manhattan. Rev. Dr. Steve Rankin, who officiated the groom's parents' wedding 25 years ago, presided over the ceremony.



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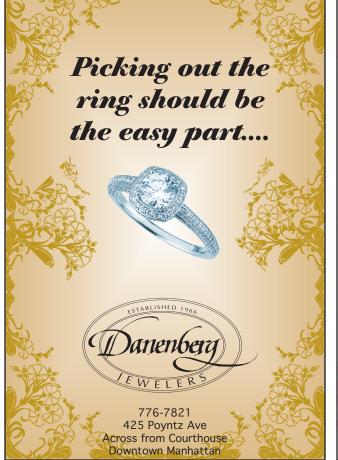
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Geographer lectures on human-environment interaction, technology

Speaker explores how people shape culture through nature

Austin Enns coverage editor

On Friday afternoon, Carol Harden, former president of the Association of American Geographers and professor in geography at the University of Tennesse, gave a presentation in the Big 12 Room of the K-State Student Union entitled "Framing and Re-framing Questions of Human-Environment Interaction."

Harden said her speech was a rough draft of the speech she will give in Seattle in April as the previous president's address to the association.

"I'm looking forward to Seattle," Harden said. "It's a place where nature still has a strong presence."

Harden began the speech by talking about her interest in physical geography and how the science has evolved.

"Basically, for a long time people were traveling around filling the blank spaces in their maps," Harden said.

She went on to explain how that idea was affected by ideas like environmen-



Past president of the Association of American Geographers Carol Harden speaks with Richard Marston, head of the Department of Geography and past AAG president, before giving her lecture on human interaction with environment. When doing research with a rainfall simulator in the Andes in Ecuador, Harden was known by the locals as "the lady who brings rain."

tal determinism, which says culture is shaped by the physical environment.

Jeremy Aber, graduate student in geography, said he was glad to have the opportunity to hear a president of the Geographers Association speak.

"I thought it was a good talk," Aber said.
"We'll be going in April to hear the finished version, but it's a good overview of what's going on in human-environment interactions."

Aber said K-State was competitive in its ability to attract good speakers, and mentioned that K-State has a former president of the association on staff Richard Marston,

head of the Department of Geography. Harden said she was hoping her speech would help tell the story of what has happened in the science since the 1970s and '80s.

The former president emphasized the great change in every aspect of geography since that time period.

'Not just in technology and gizmos, but in our thinking about the environ-ment," Harden said. "A lot has changed in 40 years."

Not all of those changes have been natural — she mentioned how currently

humans move more earth than natural occurrences like glaciers and rivers. Harden said this was due partly to problems like farmers' irrigation techniques. She also talked about how lost most current geographers would be without technology like Global Positioning

Systems. Hilary Dees, senior in anthropology, said

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she is currently doing a research project about how maps mediate culture, so when she received an e-mail about the lecture, she was intrigued.
"It is rather random, I don't normally

do this, but I thought I'd take advantage of some programs the university offers," Dees said. "I think geography is solving

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Above: Justin Kastens, Clay Center resident, watches the Super Bowl in Nelson's Landing in Leonardville, Kan., Sunday evening. Below: Chandra Ruthstrom, employee at Nelson's Landing in Leonardville, Kan., celebrates the Packers' second touchdown of the Super Bowl Sunday

NELSON | Fans cheer for local man

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brought our community closer

Richter said that the day after the Packers secured their spot in the Super Bowl by winning their playoff game, people were calling to make reservations for Super Bowl night.

"We've been taking reservations now for the past couple weeks and we were pretty much full as of a couple days ago," Ruthstrom said.

Myrna Scardina, Randolph resident and frequent Nelson's Landing customer, shared the communities feelings toward

"Everybody loves Jordy and is just so excited for him," Scardina said. "I think it's great that this where he's from, and all the support he gets from everyone through all the years."

Scardina was at Nelson's Landing on the Sunday of the winning playoff game and she described her feelings watching the game.

The place was pretty rockin' and it was fun," Scardina said. "It's so funny, usually you watch a game and you're like, 'Who are these people? Where do they come from?' Now we know somebody and they're just normal people. Just like every-



PRICES | Regulation not advised

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2009," Bachmeier said. "They were below \$2.00 for roughly three months. If the worst economic conditions

since the Great De-"Buy a bicycle pression are only able to push gas prices below \$2.50 for a short period of time, I don't see any reason to expect gas prices to fall from

their current levels." It might seem to consumers that they do not have much of

a choice when it comes to paying too much at the pump, prompting arguments that the government should step in with regulations to protect consumers.

"Usually when they try to do that, it's not all that successful," said Bachmeier. "They might be able to make prices fall by 25 cents or 50 cents depending on how much they could do but those are usually undesirable policies."

Also, Bachmeier said that government telling gas companies how or find some alternative much they should source of produce might make the general public transportation." uncomfortable. He **Lance Bachmeier** said government intervention could associate professor

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"Maybe fewer companies would be producing if they're worried about government intervention," said Bachmeier.

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So, when might consumers see gas rise to Bachmeier's pre-fact of life."

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"If I had to guess I would say that we'll see that this summer," said Bachmeier. "Depending on how things go in Egypt, we might see that next week. You might see some temporary dips, but I would personally be surprised if we didn't get used to \$3 and above gas. I'm just not seeing and above gas. I'm just not seeing

If gas prices were to decrease, people would have to pay for that someplace else. Bachmeier said he would not hope to see really low gas prices as he said it would mean the world economy is likely in trouble.

"People don't like high gas prices, don't expect gas prices to fall," said Bachmeier. "Buy a bicycle or find some alternative source of transportation. They may not like that, but that's just a

Students welcome the New Year

Celebrate with dancing, singing and rapping

Austin Enns coverage editor

On Saturday night, a Chinese New Year Celebration took place in a packed McCain Auditorium. The event was moderated by hosts who spoke mostly in Chinese, and the acts ranged from tap dancing and belly dancing, to playing piano and singing Chinese songs.

One act involved singers from all of the Chinese foreign language classes. Kate Whelchel, senior in art, said the Chinese classes try to perform every year, and this year they sang a song about friends coming together.

'The most difficult part was remembering all the words, since it's a completely different language; it's really hard," Whelchel said.

About 15 people took part in the act, including three people on guitar and one on piano.

Other group performances included dancers who twirled fans, and a trio of girls who sang the 'N Sync song "Bye Bye Bye," while performing a synchronized dance.

An Tao, president of the Chinese Students and Scholars Association and senior in finance and accounting, gave a speech at the midpoint of the celebration highlighting the community spirit of the event.

"In 2007, there were only a



Playing a melody to a full house in McCain Auditorium, **Haoming Li** performs at the Chinese New Year celebration Saturday evening. There were over 15 performances during the event in McCain.

few of us around here, but now I celebrate my last Chinese new year with thousands of friends," Tao said.

A video montage played after Tao's speech, showing people from around Manhattan saying "Happy New Year" in a variety of languages, including French, Thai, Spanish, English and Chinese. The montage was filmed at places like Hunam Express and the K-State Student

Several well-received acts included a group of students who danced while holding celery stalks in both hands and a rapper who had images of Kung Fu Panda and a Power Ranger mask displayed on the screen behind him as he rapped. At the end of the rap, he threw several T-shirts to an appreciative audi-

Xian Wu, junior in political science, said she heard about the event from an e-mail the Chinese Students and Scholars Association sent out. Wu also said she liked the music, especially the songs that had photos accompanying them on the screen.

Marisa Love, sophomore in journalism and digital media, said her favorite part of the show was the celery dance.

"I thought it was cool, there was a really good mix of things," Love said. "I like how they had American and international students mixed in.

Love said she heard about the celebration from a friend she had met through the International Buddies Program.

At the end of the night, all the performers held hands on stage as the final song played.

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completion for the projects. The next area to begin renovation is the lower level locker rooms, with all projects expecting to be finished by early 2012.

Plans to expand the Rec complex were originally presented in the Student



Senate in 2007 and a university-wide referendum, which was approved in July 2008. At that time, the measure passed with 72 percent of student voters support-ing renovation. Redeker said the incentive for renovation came from the student body. "It mainly came from the

kind of crowds that people were facing here, especially this time of year, in the evenings," Redeker said.

The plan's popularity was helped by concerns that K-State would fall behind other Big 12 recreation complexes,

A room in the Peters Recreation Complex has been gutted pending renovations approved by the Student Senate in 2007. The projected cost of the project is \$18.8 million.

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and might lose prospective students to schools with larger, updated facilities.

The renovation is projected to cost \$18.8 million, which has been partially paid for by a three-year increase of \$20 to each student's activity fee, which began after the plan's approval in 2008. \$2.5 million in university cash reserves paid for the initial investment, and an additional \$20 in increased student fees after the initial three years will support future costs.

Students should expect areas of the Rec to continue to be closed throughout the process.

"As we get into renovating more of the current structures there will be some more times where we will have to close some more areas, but hopefully, we'll be able to open some others," Redeker said. "It will definitely be worth it in the end."

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